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on a train on an injured ticket the conductor is bound to hear his explanation.

Riparian Rights. - New York Cent. & H. R. R. Co. v. Aldridge, 32 N. E. Rep. 50 (N. Y.). The Hudson R. R. Co, received by grant in its charter, the power to lay out a railroad on the east bank of the Hudson river and the land selected for this purpose was appraised and conveyed to the company. The question was, whether a railroad company owning a right of way along a riverbank was an owner of the "adjacent uplands" in such a sense as to make it, by statute, a riparian proprietor. Other questions of interpretation of charter arose and were considered in the same opinion. The New York Court of Appeals sustained the decision of the Supreme Court by holding that the railroad company was not the riparian proprietor, but he through whose hands the right of way had been granted. The reason was, that grants of land under water had been made to those owning the adjacent uplands, in order to increase the commerce of the State, as by building docks, etc. The court said that this reason would fail in the case of a railroad company authorized to do railroad business only, because, so limited by charter, it could not increase the commerce of the State in the way intended. Also "the limitation placed by the statute upon the use of this strip of land by the railroad company, precludes the ordinary consequences from attaching to a conveyance in fee of land."